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Hang-chow, 25 October (WCNA) -- The 4-day delegates' conference of the Chekiang Province New Democratic Youth Corps closed on 18 October 1949. A working program was set up to recruit 50 to 70 percent of all youths in Chekiang Province into the youth corps during the next one-half period. The establishment of the Chekiang Province Youth Corps Cadre Committee was also announced.

The following is a summary of the 4-day conference:

First Day. Chairman Chou Li-hsing officially opened the conference. In his opening address he said in part: "All members of the youth corps must strive to fulfill the six major tasks laid upon them by the CCP."

T'ien Chen-lin, secretary of the Chekiang Provincial government, was the next speaker. He urged all members to study Marxism, Mao's writings, scientific techniques, and exert the traditional revolutionary spirit in the reconstruction of China.

Second Day. T'an Ch'i-lung, deputy secretary of the Chekiang Provincial Committee, CCP, and concurrently secretary of the Chekiang Province Youth Corps Cadre Committee said:

"The goal set for the next one-year period by the committee is to recruit 50,000 members and to interest 100,000 to 200,000 youth of the province in the activities of the youth corps. Since the liberation of Chekiang 4 months ago, more than 3,000 became members, about 40,000 were interested in the corps activities, and 5,000 young students enlisted in the army."

Third Day. Chairman Chou discussed methods of organizing the youth corps and of recruiting members, saying in part, "The members of the youth corps, in the next 12 months should concentrate their work among young city workers, students, and young peasants in the rural areas. Cadre schools and classes will be organized

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to train members. By the end of this year 5 percent of all rural youth, 10 percent of all young workers, and 15 percent of all students should be recruited."

He went on to say that there are 5 million youths in Chekiang Province and 50 to 70 percent of that total should be introduced to the youth movement in the next 12 months.

Fourth Day. T'an Ch'i-lung announced the names of the 15 members of the newly organized Chekiang Province Youth Cadre Committee, and the 7-member standing committee which includes Wu Li-hsing and Chi P'eng-fei.

11,000 MEMBERS IN PEI-P'ING YOUTH CORPS -- Wen-hui Pao, 31 Oct 49

Pei-p'ing, 30 October (NCNA) -- At the first meeting of the Pei-p'ing Committee of the New Democratic Youth Corps of China, held on 25 October, Secretary Hsu Li-ch'un revealed that there are now 11,000 members in the Pei-p'ing Youth Corps.

Hsu said that during the past summer, the corps sponsored a mass study group on ideological and political matters, basing the study on the theme of "The Building of the New Revolutionary China." More than 12,000 student corps members and other interested persons from universities and middle schools in China participated in this study.

On the agenda for the future is the holding of the first delegates' conference of the All-China New Democratic Youth Corps to be sponsored by the Pei-p'ing Youth Corps.

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